

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Thursday, September 25, 2008

~ **Approved Minutes** ~

**Please note that the minutes are a brief summary
and not a word for word transcription of events at this meeting.**

Jerry Lubin, Chair, Presiding

I. Call to Order – Jerry Lubin

The presiding Chair called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call – Canetana Hurd

Attendance recorded:

- Absent Excused: Ilean Rabens and Larry Gasco
- Absent: Phillip Chen

III. Chair and Vice Chair Reports

Jerry Lubin, Chair – Reported on the following:

Workforce, Education and Training (WET) Public Hearing – Commissioner Lubin gave an overview of the public hearing activities that takes place after today's Commission meeting from 12 - 2 pm.

PEI – Commissioner participated on a workgroup to discuss to include funding for three non-transformation initiatives, suicide prevention, stigma reduction, and school mental health and violence prevention in the PEI plan. The decision was unanimous to provide over \$11 million for these services. The state has not released the guidelines for the proposal.

IV. Commissioner/Subcommittee Report

Commissioner George Caballero – Reported older adult evidence-based practice process is going well. A one-day conference is being planned for November 12, 2008.

Commissioner Barry Perrou – Reported on issues that were discussed at a meeting attended by representatives from DMH, DHS, Sheriff and LAPD regarding an alternative method by which county departments integrate policies to transport patients detained on involuntary holds to emergency psychiatric beds. Dr. Shaner continues to work with DHS to develop an efficient processing procedure that is timely from patient delivery to assessment and release.

Commissioner Lana Brody – Reported further details of the “The Soloist” movie viewing is in a “holding pattern.” Commissioner will notify the commission as details are available.

Commissioner Greg Thompson – Announced Rancho Los Amigo Rehabilitation Center is closer to getting a PEI program at 5 middle schools.

Commissioner Delores Huffman – Adult Housing Services finally released funding to agencies. Letters of interest are being processed and 12 contracts have been considered for further planning. Of the 12, seven are actively participating in the MHSA Housing Program application process.

Three new members have joined the advisory board:

- Lisa Luboff, City of Santa Monica Housing Department
- Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena Housing Department
- Ivet Samvelyan, City of Glendale Housing Department

Commissioner Frank Baron – Briefly discussed “The Soloist” stating that he hoped all were able to see the movie trailer forwarded to Commissioners by email.

Commissioner Vicky Sofro – Announced April 1, 2009 is the date for the Connections for Life event; it will be held at the California Endowment Center.

Commissioner Carlos Sosa – Offered points of view on the emergency psychiatric transportation issue discussed by Commissioner Perrou. Commissioner Sosa suggested that Commissioner Perrou visit the Pasadena model at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

V. **Departmental Report**

Marvin J. Southard, Director
Robin Kay, Acting Chief
Deputy Dennis Murata, Deputy Director

MHSA Update – Mr. Murata provided updates on the current status of the MHSA plans ready to be submitted to the state and pending PEI submission.

Budget – Both Dr. Southard and Dr. Kay discussed the current crisis of the economy that is impacting worldwide economies. It is a daunting position that creates an inability to predict a financial outcome.

Legislative Report – Susan Rajlal – briefly discussed the following issues:

Original budget actions by State Legislature – 9/15/08

- Elimination of Medi-Cal Statewide Mental Health Managed Care SMA rate COLA - \$14.6 million SGF

- Reduction of Mental Health Managed Care Allocation to county MHPs – \$5.35 million SGF (\$1.5 million for LA)
- Authorized a Statewide PIP to control EPSDT costs
- Eliminates the State subsidy for County State Hospital Placements - \$9.8 million SGF (\$2.9 million for LA)
- Eliminates State Allocation for IMD ancillaries - \$6.3 million annually to LA County
- Eliminates MIOCR funding and suggests that Prop 63 funds be used (supplantation) - \$41 million SGF
- Eliminates Healthy Families Program funds of \$152,000.- \$52,000 SGF and \$100,000. in other reimbursements
- Includes Bill Language that Authorizes the State Controller to take short term cash flow loans from Prop 63 funds and to repay the loans at 110%. This process should not impact Prop 63 programs at local level.

Governor's Blue Line Actions – 9/23/08

- Further cuts to Mental Health Managed Care Allocation to county MHPs
- Additional \$7.7 million SGF (Additional \$2.3 million cut to LA for a total cut of \$3.8 million)

VI. Community and SAAC Chair Reports

SAAC 2 – Roberta Burkenheim (submitted by fax)

Service Area Advisory Committee 2 met September 11, 2008. The meeting was well attended by service providers, hospital providers, consumers and family members. The following items were discussed:

- PEI – Subcommittees met regularly to lay foundation of the planning process for the service area's MHSA funds for the prevention and early intervention plan.
- West Valley Wellness Center and the administration offices in the service area have moved to 6800 Owensmont, Canoga Park.

VII. Public Comments -

- Catherine Henderson Lipscomb – What are the steps to take if you are a consumer and the founder of a faith base ministry for persons with mental disabilities. I have a faith base outreach which I have been doing out of the same apartment over 12 years.
- Representatives from the Gateways complaint – Several spoke on the current position. A representative from the housing agency assigned to work on the complaint was present and available for the residents. The representative will update the commission regularly.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned – Public Hearing to Follow

IX. Next Meeting Information

The next scheduled meeting will be:

Thursday, October 23, 2008

12 – 2:30 pm

Hahn Hall of Administration – Room 739

500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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